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through not only this amendment but anything else to follow. But this one here has got to be one of the most confusing ones that I've seen to date (laugh) and if somebody can make sense out of this, I please wish that they would reveal it to me and some of the other members of the body here. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I made my last speech, as you recall, and got Senator Quandahl's answer. I happened to be going out to the lobby to work on another issue and Bill Mueller stopped me and said, I want you to know, Dave, this is my amendment. And I said, well, is there a story? He said, yes, there is. Bill's client is Big Red Keno, so that's where the amendment comes from. Apparently, in contemplation that this bill would pass...the Oktoberfest group in Omaha, they put on the Oktoberfest. It's a two-, three-day deal. It's downtown usually. I think the labor unions have a good deal to do with its organization. It is philanthropic. It qualifies on all the normal ways in which you would qualify for a pickle operation. They have, in contemplation of the passage of the bill, gone out to some bars, apparently, and said, we'd like to put a pickle machine in your bar and the contract contains an exclusive provision. And feed...and the feedback loop is such that Big Red Keno is here saying, let us ban exclusive contract provisions from any such machine rentals, which is why the Quandahl amendment is here. Those are the major players, at least in the first instance of where this would be applied or where it arises from. I, personally, profit by knowing that story. I'm glad to know it. It's helpful to know who the players are and what it's about; that it's not just hypothetical; that there is an actual situation there, and who the players are and what...what's the story or the allegations that are made, and I hope the body shares with me the feeling that it's better to know what's going on and what the story is than not. Anyway, that's the story.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Not since yesterday when Senator Raikes was going through is regression